

Dr. Edward N. Tihen (1924-1991) was an avid reader and researcher of Wichita newspapers. His notes from Wichita newspapers -- the "Tihen Notes," as we call them -- provide an excellent starting point for further research. They present brief synopses of newspaper articles, identify the newspaper -- Eagle, Beacon or Eagle-Beacon -- in which the stories first appeared, and give exact references to the pages on which the articles are found. Microfilmed copies of these newspapers are available at the Wichita State University Libraries, the Wichita Public Library, or by interlibrary loan from the Kansas State Historical Society.

TIHEN NOTES FROM 1969 WICHITA EAGLE-BEACON

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Friday, January 3, 1969

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- 5A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday authorized its attorney, H. R. Kuhn, to file suit against the state government for refund of \$35,000 in sales taxes. Metropolitan Transit Authority Chairman is Glenn Shanahan. Most of the tax money -- about \$30,000 -- was paid by Metropolitan Transit Authority on purchase of 32 buses from General Motors Corporation. Bids will be opened Wednesday on construction of the new Metropolitan Transit Authority transit center on South McLean Boulevard. The authority will have to vacate its premises at 1815 East Central this year to make way for a start of work there on the I-35 West Canal Route.

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- 14C. Report on Park Board's plans for Arkansas River beautification, as drawn by Hare and Hare, landscape architects of Kansas City, Missouri. First phase is a new dam and bridge at Lincoln Street, for which contract has been let. Dam is to be operational not later than December. Details. Map, drawings.

Sunday, January 5, 1969

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Special section

- 1C. Several photos taken from air by Wichita photographer, Edgar B. Smith, in the 1920s.

Special section on the new Century II and Civic Center, which is to be dedicated next Saturday.

Monday, January 6, 1969

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- 5A. The new addition to the Campus Activities Center at Wichita State University is to be opened today. Cost \$2.8 million.

Tuesday, January 7, 1969

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1. Wichita school integration plan in compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed by the Board of Education nine to three last evening. Details.

Thursday, January 9, 1969**page**

- 5A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday opened bids on construction of an (sic) MTA transit center on South McLean Boulevard. The lowest base bid of \$281,600 was from Snodgrass and Sons Construction Company. Architects are Calvin, Perkins, and Jones. A decision on the bids, including alternates, is expected to be reached by Metropolitan Transit Authority today and then sent to the Department of Transportation, in Washington, D.C., which is to pay for the transit center.

Friday, January 10, 1969**page**

1. Article describes proposal by architect Glenn Benedick for a new \$6.4-7.2 million, junior-senior high school complex, to be built on a 160 acre site at 13th and Tyler Road. Details. Drawing.
- 3A. Article about three building expansion plan at Friends University. Construction of a library was started in November after receipt of an initial \$389,191 grant towards construction of a new science building, to cost \$1,202,572. Work on this project is to begin in May. Drawing. Details.

Sunday, January 12, 1969**page**

1. Report of official opening and dedication of Century II yesterday.
- 1B. Calendar of major events in Wichita in 1968 including:
 - January 20: Announcement of plans for new 27 story Holiday Inn north of Douglas near Civic Center.
 - February 1: Friends University announced plans for a \$2.6 million expansion program, including a library, science and mathematics building, and gymnasium building.
 - March 9: Legislative approval gained for a Wichita \$5.6 million bond issue for improvements at Municipal Airport.
 - April 4: City Commission approved six million dollars in airport bonds.
 - April 29: Fire destroyed the three story O. K. Transfer Company warehouse at 133 North Santa Fe.
 - May 21: Assessor reported Wichita population of 282,400.
 - June 4: Wichita Superintendent of Schools Lawrence Shepoiser resigned under pressure.
 - June 10: Assessor reported Sedgwick County population of 346,713, a gain of about 6000 for the year.
 - June 20: Death of Henry Levitt at age 75.
 - June 26: A \$40.8 million city budget was proposed.
 - July 1: Dr. Clark Ahlberg, named president of Wichita State University to succeed Dr. Emory Lindquist.

July 23: City commission adopted a \$41,788,656 budget, up over four million dollars from \$37,583,919 last year.

August 1: Santa Fe Railway bought 97.2 acres of land for industrial development.

August 2: A New York firm bought College Hill Medical Tower as an investment.

August 5: Board of Education passed a plan for gradual desegregation of Wichita schools.

August 19: Dr. Alvin E. Morris named as acting superintendent of schools to succeed Dr. Lawrence Shepoiser.

September 3: Cessna Aircraft Company pledged \$300,000 towards enlarged Wichita State University stadium, provided it is renamed Cessna stadium.

September 3: Ralph Wulz named city manager, replacing Russell McClure.

September 19: St. Francis Hospital announced large expansion program.

September 26: Vickers Petroleum and Refining Companies bought by Swift and Company.

October 8: Police Chief Eugene Pond retired for health reasons.

November 15: New police chief, Merrell Kirkpatrick, took office.

November 17: Death of grainman Sam Wallingford at age 84.

November 21: Disastrous fire at Yingling Chevrolet, killing four firemen.

December 13: Federal grant of \$765,027 assured construction of the new zoo project.

5B. Rusty Eck Ford will move from Valley Center to a new location at 3901 North Broadway about April 1. Details.

1E. Feature article about Max A. Noble's new Riverview Apartments at 1401 West River Boulevard. It is located on the site of his family home, which was razed in 1967. The new building was completed late in 1968, with first tenants moving in December 1. Mr. Noble's partner in the building is his sister, Mrs. J. D. Ewan. Details. Photos.

Report of demolition of a three story Victorian building at 1105 North Broadway, which started last week. The original owner was Mark J. Oliver, and inscribed in pencil on wood lining a lead tank in the attick (sic) was the note "This tank was lined October 8, 1886 by Thomas Williams, plumber from Kansas City, Missouri." Recently the building was a used furniture store and residence for the Earl Gross family. Details. Photos.

Section F: Special Business Review and Outlook Section.

1F. A five year, \$8.9 million capital improvement program at Wichita Municipal Airport was started in 1968. Includes a new 7000 foot parallel runway for the existing runway 1:19, taxiways, an 11,000 square foot addition to the terminal building to house new carousel-type baggage handling devices and additional counter space.

Article about downtown developments in 1968. First National Bank's parking garage and renovation completed. Construction of five million dollar addition at 1st and Broadway by Southwestern Bell Telephone began last April (photo). Refacing and remodeling of

Central Building started in September (photo). Remodeling of W. T. Grant Building, now Adair Building completed. Demolition of Koch Building started last in year.

Thursday, January 16, 1969**page**

- 5A. A limited quantity, fewer than 300, of large bronze medallions, three inches in diameter, commemorating the dedication of Century II and bearing Wichita's new city seal, will go on sale today at a price of \$7.50 each. A smaller version about the size of a 50 cent piece, with an oxidized silverite finish, will be available for 25 cents. Some 10,000 of these have been made. Details. Photo.
- 4B. Report of death yesterday of Homer C. Bastian, 79, of 8 St. James, Eastborough, board chairman of Fidelity Investment Companies. Born in Red Willow County, Nebraska. Moved to Wichita in 1942 and acquired the Fidelity companies here. Survived by widow, Christine, a son, H. Marvin, Eastborough, and a daughter, Mrs. Berdean Breidenthal, Kansas City, Kansas. Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Friday, January 17, 1969**page**

- 5A. Metropolitan Transit Authority has tentatively accepted the low bid of \$281,600 by Snodgrass and Sons Construction Company for the new transit facility on South McLean Boulevard, subject to approval by the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C.

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- 6C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Daisy Alice Stimpson, 88, of 1221 North River Boulevard. Born in Jacksonville, Illinois. Came here in 1917 from El Dorado, Kansas, where her husband, E. L. (Roy) Stimpson, was a rancher and the first Buick dealer there. Husband was an automobile financier with Will Price, Sr. in Wichita before his retirement in 1938. He died in 1966. Survived by a son, E. L. (Roy), Jr., Wichita, and two brothers, Roy Rawlings, Wyoming, Rhode Island, and Wayne Rawlings, Sun City, Arizona. First Presbyterian Church. Burial in Old Mission Cemetery.
- 2G. Construction to start first week in February on five story addition to north side of Kansas Gas and Electric Building at 1st and Market to cost over two million dollars. Completion in fall of 1970. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Ash and Mason. Details. Drawing.
- 4G. Building for Family Consultation Service will be started this week at McLean Boulevard and Exposition. One story building to cost \$60,000. To be completed in early April. Architect is Charles McAfee. Drawing.

Resthaven Mortuary is under construction on west side of Resthaven Gardens of Memory cemetery, at 11800 West Kellogg. To be completed in about seven months. Cost \$35,000. Architects are Feagins and Kirsch. Drawing.

Monday, January 20, 1969**page**

- 5A. The Douglass school building, 617 North Water, may be disposed of as surplus by the Wichita Board of Education. It was constructed in 1912 as an all Negro school and was closed in 1956. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, January 22, 1969**page**

1. Long article about the financial problems of Catholic schools in Kansas. Details.

Sunday, January 26, 1969**page**

- 2G. Construction started last week on a new skilled nursing center at 2828 North Hillside. Scheduled for completion in August. Architects are Carmichael-Wheatcroft and Associates. Details.

Thursday, January 30, 1969**page**

- 6A. A new \$900,000 library for Sacred Heart College will be under construction by November of this year and completed by September 1970. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, February 1, 1969**page**

- 5A. Kansas Gas and Electric's electric locomotive at the company's plant at 3rd and Kelley is to be retired in the spring. It has been in service since 1910. Once there was a driver's cab at each end of the locomotive. Glen Thomas, 244 North Edwards, retired Kansas Gas and Electric employe, says plant once had four direct current generators to supply Arkansas Valley Interurban. Details. Photo.

Sunday, February 2, 1969**page**

- 3D. American Savings Association of Wichita has begun construction of new east branch offices at southwest corner of Douglas and Dellrose, adjacent to its present location at 4601 East Douglas. To be 25 by 40 feet. Occupancy expected about June 1. The company will vacate its quarters at 4601 East Douglas, which was purchased as an investment in August 1967 by Associates Advertising Agency. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Eflin. Drawing.
- 4D. New Kurdian Gallery and Travel Agency building at 2922 East Douglas has been occupied. Grand opening to be held this spring.

Tuesday, February 4, 1969**page**

- 14B. Report of death Sunday of Mrs. Mariam Bell, 69, of Carl Bell Farm, southwest of Wichita near Rago, Kansas. Born in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Moved here in 1914. Survived by

widower, Carl Bell, Sr., three sons, Carl A., Jr., Fred L., and Jack D., of Wichita, and a daughter, Judy, Colorado Springs, her mother, Mrs. Bessie Champlin and two brothers, Wayne and Merrick Champlin, of Wichita. Photo. White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Wednesday, February 5, 1969**page**

- 5A. Canopy is being constructed over new emergency entrance at St. Francis Hospital on the west side of the hospital on Emporia Street. New entrance scheduled for use next week. Former emergency room entrance was on 9th Street between Emporia and St. Francis. Photo.

Thursday, February 6, 1969**page**

1. Ben Wilson, from University of Virginia, named new head football coach at Wichita State University yesterday. Details.

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- 3B. Work will start today on expansion of football stadium at Wichita State University from 14,000 to 30,500 capacity. To be renamed Cessna Stadium. Details. Drawing.

Saturday, February 8, 1969**page**

- 8D. Photo of right front side of worn out bus leased for one year from Metropolitan Transit Authority for one dollar by VISTA service agency for use as a book bus. Details.

Sunday, February 9, 1969**page**

- 8B. Report of death Friday of H. D. Lester, 87, of 901 Gilman, financier and former Wichita mayor in 1956. Obituary. Photo. Came here in 1905 from St. Augustine, Florida. Born in Haddock, Georgia. Survived by two sons and one daughter (named). Old Mission Cemetery.

- 1F. Sandlian Realty has recently occupied quarters in its new building at 425 North Broadway. Architect was Richard Burke. Details. Photo.

Small one story building at 1747 Fairmount, on Wichita University scene for many years, is being remodeled with face of rough sawn cedar, etc., for use as a restaurant, the Minotaur Cafe. Details.

Monday, February 10, 1969**page**

1. Report of maiden flight yesterday of the new Boeing 747 jumbojet. Details.

- 5A. Feature article about the Spanish-Indian art collection of Ward and Veda Vickery, 8 Norfolk Drive. Details. Photo. (Parents of Mrs. Hal Ottaway.)

Wednesday, February 12, 1969**page**

1. Article about equipment plans for Frontier Airlines. Says Frontier phased out the last of its DC-3s inherited from Central Airlines, in October, and will discontinue its remaining Convair 600 Dart planes, also inherited from Central, on March 1. Details.

Thursday, February 13, 1969**page**

1. Announcement made yesterday that the Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company will move its headquarters to Baltimore, Maryland this summer. Announcement made by Donald S. Jones, president of Commercial Credit Company, Baltimore, which acquired the Farmers and Bankers as an independent subsidiary in 1962. This may mean another name for the ten story Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company building now under construction at Douglas and Water. Details.
- 5A. For the first time since its opening 55 years ago the Wichita Union Station has begun closing at night daily from midnight until 4:30 a.m. Since 1914 the building has been open 24 hours a day, but now there are only four trains a day, the San Francisco Chief and the Texas Chief each way, and there are no trains through here between 11:00 p.m. and 5:20 a.m. The depot is staffed by four ticket clerks, three baggagemen, and a redcap porter. Details.

Friday, February 14, 1969**page**

- 4B. Feature article about the railroad cabooses. The Santa Fe Railway has as many as 100 stored along three tracks in the Wichita yards. A recent Wall Street Journal article said cabooses now sell for \$400 to \$600 a piece. Details. Photos.

Saturday, February 15, 1969**page**

- 6A. Demolition of the Lincoln Street bridge over the Arkansas River began recently to prepare the site for a new bridge and dam.

Sunday, February 16, 1969**page**

- 3A. Barbers in Wichita will raise prices for all of their services 25 cents beginning tomorrow.
- 5A. Report of seven inches of snow in Wichita Friday and Saturday.
- 3G. Construction of office building at 924 North Main, the 924 Building, started last week. To be occupied by attorneys and architects, Griffith and Bonham. Completion scheduled about September 1. Architects are Griffith and Bonham. Details. Drawing.

New airconditioned malls are being constructed in the addition at Seneca Square Shopping Center. Expansion of the TG & Y and McDonald's stores is now under construction. Final phase will be an addition to the Otasco building.

Building permit issued to St. Francis Hospital for a 10,000 square foot addition to the Department of Radiology on the first and second floors. An inner court, formerly used as an emergency entrance, will be used to provide the space. Completion scheduled for October 1.

Central Business College, 2502 East Central, is remodeling additional space acquired at 2510 East Central.

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- 3B. Article about Lloyd Stearman, 70, who now lives at Northridge, California. Born in Wellsford, Kansas October 26, 1898. Was architectural student at Kansas State University and a naval aviator before joining the Laird Airplane Company here in 1920. Left Wichita in 1926 to form own company at Venice, California, but returned in 1927. Resigned from Stearman Aircraft Company here in June 1931 and returned to California. Last year he launched a new aircraft design project, the Stearman M P (multi-purpose). Details. Photo of Lloyd Stearman.

Tuesday, February 18, 1969

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1. Third of five articles about Wichita's aircraft industry, by Arnold Lewis, Eagle aviation editor, this one about Cessna Aircraft Company. Details.
- 5A. Good photo of the Munger House in Cowtown, which served as Wichita's first post office. First mail delivery here started on February 17, 1869. There was no direct delivery to Wichita then, but mail was brought to Towanda by stage, and Milo B. Kellogg picked it up there and brought it back to Wichita. Wichita's first official post office opened May 1, 1870 in the house of Darius Sales Munger, who was appointed on that date to replace Kellogg as postmaster. Munger received \$1 a month from the United States Government for this service. Details.

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1. Fourth article about Wichita's aircraft industry, this one about Beech Aircraft Corporation. Details.

Thursday, February 20, 1969

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1. Announced yesterday of Cessna's new, biggest single-engine model, the seven place Model 207 Skywagon. Details. Photo.

Last of five articles about Wichita's aircraft industry, this one about Lear Jet Industries.

- 5A. The first land purchase has been made for the site of the new Sedgwick County zoo, about two and three-quarters acres of the 648 acre site, for \$81,750. The tract is at 13th and Ridge Road. Details. The 34 parcels of land within the site have been appraised at a value of \$1,345,305. Funds for purchase will come from a \$3.65 million bond issue approved by the voters in November 1966.

Saturday, February 22, 1969

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- 18A. Report that prominent Wichita psychiatrist, Dr. Austin J. Adams, 59, suffered a severe stroke early Friday morning and is hospitalized at Wesley Hospital. Some biography. Photo.

Sunday, February 23, 1969

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- 5B. European Car Inc., 201 Mathewson, will move in early spring to its new quarters at 1510 East 2nd. New building, costing about \$60,000, is nearing completion. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Eflin. President of company is Ferdinand (Fred) Foergg, who worked for Volkswagon in Germany for 23 years, then in Brazil 1955 to 1958 before coming to Wichita in November 1958. Details. Photo.

- 1G. Building permit issued for first phase of luxury Rockborough apartment complex at 202 North Rock Road. First phase is six buildings with 76 apartment units. Total cost will be four million dollars.

Construction has started on a new 68 by 100 foot office building at 2009 North Woodlawn, to be used as headquarters for the Wichita Area Girl Scout Council. Girl Scout offices are presently at 2312 East Central. Completion scheduled for June 1.

Color King, Inc. has recently moved into new quarters at 1401 East Douglas in a building formerly occupied by Lahey Mortuary. Details. The firm was formerly located at 1700 East Kellogg.

Plans are ready for refurbishing of the Lassen Hotel, and work is scheduled to begin immediately. To cost \$250,000 and will take 12 months. Details.

- 5G. A new dental office building is under construction at 4624 East Kellogg. Architects are Richard D. Burke and Company. Details. Drawing.

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1. KFH-AM radio station, owned since 1963 by Preston P. Reynolds, Jr. and Walter W. Ahlschlager, Jr., of Dallas, has been sold to a group of Wichitans and a Manhattan,

Kansas businessman for over one million dollars, it was announced yesterday by general manager Thomas P. Bashaw. The purchasers include Phillip Kassebaum and his wife, Nancy, Bashaw, and attorney John E. Rees. The station is located on tenth floor of the Wichita Plaza building. Details.

- 5A. Photo of the Koch Building, 321 West Douglas, being razed. Building over half demolished.

Sunday, March 2, 1969

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- 1G. Article about recently completed addition for Fidelity Insurance Company, at 229 South Market (corner of Market and English). Work began last summer. Details. Photos.
- 3G. Expansion of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 1st and Broadway, which started ten months ago, is about 50 percent complete. Details.

Monday, March 3, 1969

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1. Report of maiden flight yesterday of the Concorde supersonic jet transport at Toulouse, France. Details.

Tuesday, March 4, 1969

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- 5A. The Wichita State University Fieldhouse was renamed Henry Levitt Arena during the Wichita State University-Tulsa basketball game last evening. Field house was constructed in 1955. Levitt died June 20, 1968 at age 74. Details.

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- 5A. Photo of swimming pool and bath house under construction at McAdams Park. Completion expected in June.

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- 5A. Photo of area west of Central Building which is soon to be made into a "mini-park" but is now being used as a parking lot. Photo shows Central Building covered with scaffolding and new exterior shell about two stories down from top of building.

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday voted to buy for \$49,600 the 6.18 acres offered by the city of Wichita for a new transit center on South McLean Boulevard. Financing of the purchase is on a 50-50 basis between federal funds and local bond revenue money. Details.

- 16C. Ground breaking will be held Tuesday for Friends University's new \$750,000 gymnasium, financed by a Garvey Foundation gift to the school's two million dollar fund drive last year. Building will be just south of the West Branch YMCA building, 2401 University. The present Stanley Gymnasium will then be demolished. Details. Present Friends enrollment is approximately 900.

Sunday, March 9, 1969**page**

- 5A. Photo of long line of abandoned Santa Fe cabooses stored in the Wichita yards. Article says they may soon be sold for use as summer cabins, etc. There are approximately 100 cabooses standing here. The cabooses here were taken out of service after the Santa Fe had spent four million dollars remodeling 355 cabooses in its shops here.
- 1G. Announcement of plans for a new building for Yingling Chevrolet Company, 300 South Topeka, which will replace the one destroyed by fire on November 21, 1968. To cost \$750,000. Architect is Allen McHenry, with interior design by John Coultis. To be completed in September 1969. Details. Drawing.
- 8G. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita in Yingling ad. Taken from southwest, with Lawrence Stadium and Maple Street bridge in foreground. R. H. Garvey building visible but not Holiday Inn or Olive Garvey building. Koch Building still present (Les Broadstreet photo ??).

Monday, March 10, 1969**page**

- 7B. Report of death of Miss Alice M. Isley, 103, of 1627 North Holyoke, retired librarian at Fairmount College for 33 years. Born in St. Joseph, Missouri, worked for Congregational Church in Utah and Colorado. Was librarian at Fairmount from 1911 to 1935. Was asked to return during World War II and remained another nine years. A brother, William Henry Isley, was the first dean of Fairmount College. Another brother, Bliss Isley, was author of Kansas history textbooks. A sister, Mrs. Lydia Wellman, was the mother of the authors Paul and Manley Wade Wellman. Survived by a brother, Dwight, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Photo. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Thursday, March 13, 1969**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of William R. "Bill" Phipps, 89, for 30 years manager of Gas Service Company here until his retirement in 1955. Born in Paris, Texas March 1, 1880. When Cities Service bought the gas part of Kansas Gas and Electric in 1925 he was sent here. Survived by widow, Florence. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Paris, Texas.

Sunday, March 16, 1969**page**

- 1G. Feature article on restoration of the house at 401 North Belmont, long the home of the Wichita Art Association, by its new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell O. Houser, their two

daughters Laina and Sharon Harvey, and son-in-law, David Harvey. Houser is owner of Rainbow-Repair and Sales Service, 2609 East Central. They have bought the home in 1966. Built about 1917, apparently by E. L. Hurd of Red Star Mills. Details. Photos.

2G. Open house is to be held by Wesley Medical Center on Sunday, March 23 at its newly completed \$2.8 million Medical Pavilion. A \$1.9 million Energy Center adjoining the Medical Pavilion is also nearing completion. Architects are Thomas, Harris, Ash and Mason. Details. Photo.

4G. The interior and exterior renovation of the Globe Oil Company Building at 301 South Market is nearing completion. Architects are Hanney, Sanders and Associates. Details. Building is owned by Lario Oil and Gas Company. Photo.

Tuesday, March 18, 1969

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6B. Report of death Saturday of Mrs. Karl (Elizabeth) Ehrlich, 88, of Tacoma, Washington, former resident of Coldwater, Kansas. Moved to Tacoma six years ago from Coldwater. Husband, Karl, died in 1951. Survived by a son, Dr. Karl Ehrlich, Orinda, California. Burial in Coldwater. (Son was University of Kansas fraternity brother of mine).

Wednesday, March 19, 1969

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Special section

3C. Report of death yesterday of Abe Gerson, 87, of 803 South Broadway, retired owner-operator of Abe's Clothing Store, 509 East Douglas. Born in Russia. Came to Wichita 50 years ago. Survived by a brother, Phillip, Wichita, and two sisters, Mrs. Esther Steinberg, Wichita and Mrs. Sarah Woorgaft, Los Angeles. Highland Cemetery.

1H-8H. Special Section announcing opening of the new Medical Pavilion at Wesley Medical Center. Large diagram of plans for Wesley Medical Center expansion on page 4H and 5H. Details. Photo of Medical Pavilion on page 2H.

Monday, March 24, 1969

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1. Aerial photo of Southwestern Grease Company facilities, looking north toward Century II.

Tuesday, March 25, 1969

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1. Announcement yesterday that Chrysler Realty Corporation has acquired 150 acres northwest of Kellogg and Rock Road as a site for future development, perhaps of a large shopping center. Price not disclosed, but probably in excess of three million dollars. Details. Aerial photo, which shows 54 Drive-In Theater.

Wednesday, March 26, 1969

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- 3B. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Vern L. Pauley, 69, of 2417 North Dellrose, Wichita surgeon. Born in Hamburg, Iowa. Came to Wichita in 1932. Survived by widow, Lodeska and two daughters (named -- not in Wichita). Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Thursday, March 27, 1969**page**

- 17A. Robert A. Page, president of Garvey, Inc., has been named the firm's chairman of the board, succeeding Mrs. Olive W. Garvey, who has resigned. Details.
- 8B. Report of death of Dr. John Ise, 83, of Lawrence, Kansas, well known retired professor of economics at University of Kansas. Born in Downs, Kansas. Joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1916 and remained there until his retirement in 1955. Survived by widow, Lillie, a son, a brother and two sisters (named). Photo.

Saturday, March 29, 1969**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of President Dwight Eisenhower, at age 78. Details.
- 5A. Article about plans for beautification of West Douglas in Civic Center area. Details. Drawing.
- 13A. Article about progress on construction of The Mall shopping center. Site preparation began in January and building work is to start Monday. Montgomery Ward is to open in November and other tenants in spring of 1970.
- 3C. Report of death of Mrs. Antonia Wesely, 82, of 522 South Elizabeth (widow of photographer?), on Thursday. Born in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Came here in 1919 from Holyrood, Kansas. Survived by four sons, Francis J., Topeka, and Winslow A., Anthony J., and George D., all of Wichita, and one daughter, Mrs. Georgia Patzner, Claflin, Kansas. Burial at Holy Name Cemetery at Cain City, near Bushton, Kansas.

Sunday, March 30, 1969**page**

1. The 310 room Lassen Motor Hotel will be renamed the Radisson-Wichita Hotel, it was announced yesterday by Harry Kornrumpf, general manager. The change is expected about July 1.
- 5B. Map of Wichita wards and precincts.

Wednesday, April 2, 1969**page**

1. Report of results of city election yesterday. Attorney Jack H. Greene and John S. Stevens elected to City Commission. Details.

Thursday, April 3, 1969**page**

- 7A. Announcement yesterday that William P. Lear, Sr. has severed his last ties with Lear Jet Industries, Inc., the company he founded and brought to Wichita in 1962, by resigning as board chairman. Details.
- 17A. Metropolitan Transit Authority has recognized safety records of bus operators and maintenance personnel at its second annual safety dinner at Lassen Motor Hotel. Dale Cook honored for no chargeable accidents in 22 years. Honored for 16 to 20 years were Robert Hull, Daryl Prince, Carlie Miracle, William Blain, Lucien Howell, Albert Westfall, Richard Plush, Jesse Russell, Kenneth Owen, Spencer Janeway, and Frank Tarlton. Names also given of those honored for 11 to 15 years, six to ten years, and one to five years.

Friday, April 4, 1969**page**

1. The Beacon Building, 114-116 South Main, has been acquired by Helmsley-Spear, Inc., of New York City, from the Furman-Wolfson Trust, also of New York City. The Beacon Building Company sold it in 1958 to Charles R. Ryan, of New York City, and it was given a red granite facing on the bottom two floors and was remodeled inside. Ryan sold the building in late 1959 to Henry Golate, of New York City, for an estimated \$500,000. He later passed it to the trust. Photo on page 8A.
- 6C. Report of death Wednesday of Paul Knox Walker, 46, in an auto accident south of Parsons, Kansas. A native Wichitan, he was a star football player at North High School in 1939 and was assistant football coach at Wichita University and Kansas State University from about 1946 until 1950. He was a sales representative for Airco Industrial Gas Company, Kansas City, Kansas, since early 1950s, and had lived in Overland Park since 1965. Survived by widow, Beloit, three daughters (named), two brothers and one sister (named -- none in Wichita). Burial in Old Mission Cemetery.

Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Jennie J. McCaslin, 66, of 2178 North Riverside Boulevard, widow of Vern J. McCaslin, who founded a local chain of variety stores. Born in Eureka, Kansas. Came to Wichita in 1917. Survived by two sons, Jack H., and Bill B., both of Wichita, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. Helen Dorman, both of Wichita, and Mrs. Virginia Woodland, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two brothers and three sisters (named). Photo. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Sunday, April 6, 1969**page**

- 9B. Calvary Towers, new 60 unit housing project at 2600 North Grove for low income senior citizens, will be dedicated Monday. Architect was Charles F. McAfee. Details. Photo of building under construction.

Construction will begin tomorrow on a new building for Brown's Grill East at 545 North Hillside. Located just north of the present restaurant. To be 100 by 86 feet and will accommodate 450 persons. Completion expected about September 1, after which the old building will be torn down to make room for additional parking.

Construction has started on the new \$296,250 North Branch YMCA at 3030 North Hillside. Architect is Charles F. McAfee. Completion is scheduled for September. Details.

- 13C. Full page ad for new Calvary Towers senior citizens apartments at 2600 North Grove. Drawing.

Wednesday, April 9, 1969

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- 6A. Donald Enoch was elected Wichita's 61st mayor by City Commission yesterday, succeeding William Anderson, Jr. Details.

Friday, April 11, 1969

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- 5A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday received approval of a United States Department of Transportation grant to help fund the Metropolitan Transit Authority's new transit center. An increase of \$43,458 in the project budget has been approved by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The additional federal funds will clear the way for construction. The low bid of \$310,000 by Snodgrass and Sons was approved by the Department of Transportation. The Metropolitan Transit Authority is now housed on borrowed time at 1815 East Central which will have to be vacated for construction of the I-35 West Canal Route.

Saturday, April 12, 1969

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1. Article about improved airline service scheduled for Wichita. Trans World Airlines initiates non-stop flights to Chicago and St. Louis on April 27. On May 15 Trans World Airlines will start non-stop service to Los Angeles. Details.
- 14A. Full list of new spring airline schedules at Wichita beginning April 27. Details.

Sunday, April 13, 1969

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- 1G. Construction will start next week on the new Allied Building at 355 North Waco. Architects are Richard D. Burke and Associates. Details. Completion scheduled October 1.

Construction has started on a concrete block warehouse at 1011 North Wichita for George Lay Sign Company, 1016 North Waco. Should be completed in 60 days. Building is 72 by 42 feet.

Construction will begin on a 1200 square foot storage building of metal with a wood frame for Continental Trailways at 419 West 2nd.

Tuesday, April 15, 1969**page**

1. Kansas House of Representatives yesterday killed a bill that would have allowed the Sedgwick County Commission to sell the old courthouse to the city for tearing down and location of a fire station. Details.

Thursday, April 17, 1969**page**

- 8E. Report of death yesterday of Carl William Hagel, 75, of 1232 Coolidge, owner-operator of Hagel Cigar Store for 27 years and currently assistant secretary and director for Scottish Rite in Wichita. Born in Peoria, Illinois. Came to Wichita in early 1920s. Survived by widow, Rhoda and a daughter, Miss Phyllis Hagel, Pueblo, Colorado. Further biography. Photo. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Friday, April 18, 1969**page**

- 13A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved extension for one year of lease of a bus for use by VISTA for one dollar.

Metropolitan Transit Authority meeting yesterday reported operating revenues for March of \$45,085, compared with \$38,151 for same month last year, for a net loss before depreciation of \$2199 compared with \$5134 for the same month last year. Revenues for the first three months of 1969 were \$129,725 compared with \$115,865 last year, for a net loss of \$10,155 compared with \$16,719 last year. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new transit center are to be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, according to Metropolitan Transit Authority director Paul McGinnis.

Saturday, April 19, 1969**page**

1. Preliminary design for new \$8.9 million city building announced yesterday. To be 12 stories. Architects are McVay, Peddie, Schmidt and Allen. Details. Drawing (later modified before it was built).
- 1D. Metropolitan Transit Authority has won its lawsuit against Kansas Department of Revenue for refund of \$38,400 in sales taxes Metropolitan Transit Authority has paid the state since December 1966. As an agency of the city, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is not obligated to pay sales taxes. Details.

Sunday, April 20, 1969**page**

- 1C. Building permit issued for wrecking of the old YWCA building at 140 North Topeka. The structure was sold in March to a group of area businessmen for \$27,000 including land. The site will be cleared and used as a parking lot.

Lawrence Photo Supply has started construction on a 200 by 110 foot concrete block building at 1111 East 1st. To be completed in mid-October, and the firm will move from its present location at 802 West 2nd.

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- 2E. Article about perhaps the last only 35 Douglas C-39 transports, commonly called the DC-2½, which is still flying. This plane, "The Kansan," after 30 years of international military and civil service, is now being launched into a new career of aerial spraying by its owner, Chuck Le Master, operator of Le Master Aerial Spraying Inc. of Ottawa, Kansas. He picked it up two months ago in Oregon shortly after it had been outfitted as a spray plane with a 1200 gallon capacity. It was built for the Army Air Corps as a cargo transport and has the fuselage and wingtips of the DC-2 and the center section, tail section and landing gear of the DC-3. The gross weight was 21,000 pounds, compared to 26,000 pounds for the C-47, which first appeared in 1940. Further history of the plane, and photo showing nose and engines.

Sunday, April 27, 1969

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- 1G. Construction started last week on a new 900 plus seat theater at 135 North Water in the Garvey Center complex. Architects are Sid Platt Associates. To be completed in fall of 1969 and will be operated by National General Corporation, of Los Angeles, as part of its Fox Theater chain. Drawing.
- 4G. Grand opening of the recently completed Shepler's of Wichita store, 6501 West Kellogg, is to be held next Sunday. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, April 29, 1969

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- 5A. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday delivered its 100th Model 99 airliner to Aero Commuter Airlines, Long Beach, California. Final certification of the plane was obtained only one year ago, on May 2, 1968. Details.
- 2C. Report of death Sunday of C. F. Boucher, 79, of Menlo Park, California, former Wichita architect. Born in Raton, New Mexico. Moved to Menlo Park in 1960 after living 42 years in Wichita. Began architectural practice in 1917 with Lorenz Schmidt. Article lists buildings he designed. Survived by widow, Mary, and two sons, Boyd and Robert, both of Wichita. Photo.

Sunday, May 4, 1969**page**

- 1C. Article about plans to tear down the old Rutan house to make way for expansion of the Wichita Clinic. New clinic building program was announced last week and includes the addition of two floors, finishing of the fourth floor of the five story tower, and erecting a building to replace the old house. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Eflin. New floors will be the sixth and seventh. Photo of Rutan house.
- 4C. Construction is progressing on Brown's Grill East at 545 North Hillside. Completion scheduled about September 1, after which the old building will be torn down to make space for additional parking. Architects are Carmichael-Wheatcroft Architects and Engineers. Drawing.
- Sixth floor of West building at Wesley Medical Center is being remodeled for the psychiatric unit. Details.
- A new Sandy's hamburger restaurant is being constructed at 3006 South Seneca and will be completed in mid-June. Drawing.

Thursday, May 8, 1969**page**

1. Report of arrival of Queen Elizabeth 2 in New York yesterday after her maiden trans-Atlantic voyage. Photo.
- 5A. Photo showing crane in place yesterday for use in building addition of two stories on Wichita Clinic.
- 8F. Photo of new \$667,000 Friends University library under construction. Framework only is completed. Building to be completed by early 1970.

Saturday, May 10, 1969**page**

- 8D. Feature article about Wichita's bridges. Details. Photos.

Sunday, May 11, 1969**page**

1. Toll rates are to be increased Thursday on Kansas Turnpike for first time in four years. Details.
- 1F. New building for district offices of Armco Steel is under construction at 632 North Broadway. Completion scheduled for next month.
- 2F. Indoor tennis club facilities are under construction at 13th and Rock Road for Wichita Racquet Club. Architect is Bob Smith. Completion October 1. Details. Photo.

Tuesday, May 13, 1969**page**

1. The Farmers and Bankers Insurance Company building at 1st and Market and the adjacent Insurance Building were purchased by Jochems, Sargent and Blaes, a local law firm. Details. Photos.

Thursday, May 15, 1969**page**

- 15A. Braniff International Airways will inaugurate non-stop jet service from Wichita to Dallas-Fort Worth on June 2, operated with Boeing Aircraft Company One-11 jets. Details.

Friday, May 16, 1969**page**

- 5A. Proposed improvements adopted by Metropolitan Transit Authority meeting yesterday include purchase of 25 new buses within the next five years, hiring of an additional 40 employees, and expanded routes and services. The Capital Improvement Program to be submitted to the city's planning department calls for purchasing two new transit coaches in 1970, three in 1971, four in each of the years 1972, 1973, and 1974, and eight in 1975. Financing would be one-third by Metropolitan Transit Authority and two-thirds federal aid funds. The buses cost about \$35,000 each, for a total of \$875,000. Construction of a new \$295,000 bus garage and transit center south of the city prison farm at Harry and McLean is moving ahead. Dirt is being hauled from the "earth mountain" west of Century II to the bus garage site, reported architect Jack Jones. The dirt will be used to fill in the site before construction begins.
- 5A. The first phase of the Park Plaza urban renewal project will include a "Mediterranean style" apartment complex, clubhouse, swimming pool, and 31 slip boat marina built off the Little Arkansas river east of Nims according to developer Jack P. De Boer, on a 7.8 acre tract. Details.

Saturday, May 17, 1969**page**

- 5A. Report of move yesterday of Riverside Park Zoo's three alligators to their summer quarters. The reptiles were acquired by Wichita in 1909 and are named One-Eye, Grandpa, and Lady.

Sunday, May 18, 1969**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of William C. Salome, Jr., 70, twice mayor of Wichita, and owner of Salome's Mt. Hope Nursery. Born at Haven, Kansas and attended school at Mount Hope. Was mayor in 1949 and 1952. Survived by widow, Myrna, a son, William C. III, Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Wallace (Carolyn) Rouse, Jr., Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

- 1G. The J. Hudson McKnight property, covering almost the whole 200 block on South Hydraulic, was sold last week. Sellers were co-trustees of the McKnight Estate, Fourth National Bank and Trust Company and Harry Funke. The property was willed to the University of Wichita by Mrs. McKnight, with proceeds to be used for building a fine arts center. It was purchased by Bion Allen, president of KABA Corporation, a real estate developing and holding company. Other KABA officers are John Blair, vice-president, and Kathryn Allen, secretary-treasurer. Plans for the site are indefinite, but it will be put to commercial use. The limestone house which McKnight built in 1897 will be razed, probably within the next 60 days. Article gives biography of McKnight. The portion sold was the remaining parcel of a 130 acre farm, purchased by McKnight from [Robert] Black for \$7510. Description and photos of house. McKnight would not allow electricity in his home and lighting was by gas until after his death in 1925. Mrs. McKnight died in 1927. A son, George G., lived in the home until his death in 1967. [Editor's note: Using Dr. Tihen's notes from the 1880s, it was found that Robert Black was the owner of the farm.]

Open house is to be held Sunday, May 25th, at the newly constructed \$750,000 wing at the Osteopathic Hospital of Wichita, 2622 West Central. The new wing will increase capacity of the hospital from the present 60 beds to 100 beds. Architects were Carmichael, Wheatcroft, and Associates. Details. Photo.

Thursday, May 22, 1969

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- 8E. The 1969 Wichita City Directory has been distributed to subscribers by R. L. Polk and Company.

Friday, May 23, 1969

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- 7C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. James F. (M. Hazel) Barlow, 73, Halstead, Kansas. Survived by widower, two sons, Mack, Wichita, and Fred, Haven, Kansas, and two daughters, Miss Lorna Barlow, of the home, and Mrs. Lonnie Martin, Arkansas City.

Sunday, May 25, 1969

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- 2C. Contracts approved last week for the second addition to the Wesley Medical Center radiology department at cost, including equipment of \$1,037,233. The first addition was completed last fall and was 30 by 98 feet. The new addition will be 95 by 98 feet. Details.

Tuesday, May 27, 1969

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- 5A. Map of proposed Inner Loop Expressway (never built).

Wednesday, May 28, 1969

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- 5A. City commission yesterday accepted compromise calling for patterned brick and concrete paving of West Douglas between Water and Webb, to complement the decor of Century II. Details.

Friday, May 30, 1969**page**

- 11A. Air Midwest, formerly Aviation Services Inc. (ASI), yesterday took delivery of the first of two 17 place Beechcraft 99 twin turboprop airliners and will initiate service with the aircraft Monday. A second is scheduled for delivery in August. The company's present fleet consists of two nine place twin-engine Cessna 402s and three six place single engine Cessna 206s. Details of schedules given. The new Model 99 is all-white, striped with antique gold, sunshine yellow, and Omaha orange on the side of the fuselage, building to a burst or flare on the tail. Photo (number not visible).

Saturday, May 31, 1969**page**

- 3A. A public hearing will be held Wednesday to approve a master plan for the city of Andale, worked out with the help of Sedgwick County and the Wichita metropolitan area planning committee, to guide the future growth of the city.

Sunday, June 1, 1969**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of Dr. Lewis M. Miller, 93, a Wichita theater pioneer who founded the Miller Theater. Home was at 307 North Roosevelt. Born in Washington Court House, Ohio in 1876. Graduated from Northwestern University, Chicago, and practiced dentistry until forced to retire by physical ailments. In 1901 went into partnership with his brother operating theaters in Lincoln, Nebraska. Moved to Wichita in 1909 and built the Princess Theater, 121 South Broadway (then Lawrence Avenue), and the Palace Theater, 309 East Douglas. The Miller Theater opened May 1, 1922. He sold his picture interests to the Wichita Fox Theaters and retired from the theater industry in the late 1920s. Photo on page 11E. Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

On Monday the concrete will be paved and the first seven floors of the Holiday Inn Plaza raised by Friday in a continuous operation known as the slip-form technique, used in building grain elevators. Details.

- 11E. Report of death Saturday of James M. Long, Jr., 85, of 1824 North Waco, retired conductor for the old Inter-urban Streetcar Company (sic). Born in Miami, Oklahoma and came here 30 years ago. Survived by his widow, Claudine. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Tuesday, June 3, 1969**page**

- 5A. Night photo of construction on Holiday Inn Plaza. Shows only framework of lower floors.

Wednesday, June 4, 1969**page**

- 8A. Continental Airlines this week revised its schedules and has discontinued its nonstop service from Wichita to Seattle-Portland and to Houston, which had been implemented in 1967 because of failure of the Civil Aeronautics Board ruling at that time to permit a stop in Denver. Details of new schedules.

Sunday, June 8, 1969**page**

1. Report of commissioning ceremonies yesterday at Boston Naval Yard for the new U.S.S. Wichita, lead ship of a new class of navy oilers. Governor George Docking was the principal speaker. Details. Ship was built by the Quincy, Massachusetts shipyard of General Dynamics Corporation. Keel was laid on June 16, 1966 and she was launched March 16, 1968.
- 5A. Photo shows first seven floors of framework of Holiday Inn Plaza completed yesterday after a five day non-stop pouring of concrete using the slip-form technique. Building scheduled for completion June 1, 1970.
- 5B. Grand opening began Friday at Wichita's third Ford auto dealership, Rusty Eck Ford, Inc., at 3901 North Broadway. New facility cost \$270,000 and is on a 13.5 acre site. Architect and builder was E. P. Kletchka. Eck is moving his family to Wichita from their Haven, Kansas home. He was a native of Cheney. Details. Photo.

Wednesday, June 11, 1969**page**

- 8B. Report of death Monday of Mrs. Lloyd (Della Mae) Stagner, 84, of Newton. Born at Fort Scott, Kansas. Came to Newton from Hutchinson. Husband, Lloyd E., died in 1945. Survived by two sons, Lloyd E., Newton, and Reverend Giles E., Mulvane, a brother, Frank Thompson, Concord, California, and three sisters (named -- one in Newton and one in Wichita). Burial in McPherson, Kansas, Cemetery.

Thursday, June 12, 1969**page**

- 10E. Aerial photo of downtown Wichita. Shows R. H. Garvey Building complete and four or five floors of framework on Olive Garvey building. Date?

Friday, June 13, 1969**page**

- 5A. Map of Wichita township land owners in 1870. Research committee is seeking information about them. Article with details.

Saturday, June 14, 1969**page**

- 15A. Operation of the 400 car parking garage in the Wichita Plaza Building will be transferred Sunday from Park Rite of Texas Inc., Dallas, to Ampco Auto Parks Inc., a division of American Building Maintenance Industries, Los Angeles. Change was announced by Kenneth E. Johnson, president and board chairman of Kansas State Bank and Trust Company and chairman of K. S. B. Building Corporation, Inc., a subsidiary through which the bank owns the Wichita Plaza Building. Details.

Sunday, June 15, 1969**page**

- 5B. Work will soon be completed on the new one-story 8000 square foot General Motors Acceptance Corporation building at 2020 North Oliver. The new building was occupied on May 1. Former location was 1515 East Central for 15 years.
- 1C. Major expansion of production facilities at the Coleman Company Inc., North Plant, 801 East 37th North, began last week. Five million dollar project will add more than 180,000 square feet of production and service area in the next four years. Details. Employment at the North Plant will increase from 900 to 1300 over the four years. Aerial photo.

Announcement made last week of the purchase by Manning Clampitt Meat Company Inc., 426 Ohio, of the building at 2020 East Douglas formerly owned by the Southwest Dairy Producers Association. Building will undergo extensive exterior and interior remodeling, to be completed next fall. Architects are Haney, Sanders and Associates. Details. The Manning Clampitt firm was founded in 1925. Phil H. Manning is president and R. C. Clampitt, vice-president.

Volume Shoe Company, Topeka, Kansas, is remodeling a building at 416 West 21st Street to be used as a shoe store. Includes a new glass front.

Thursday, June 19, 1969**page**

- 18A. Paving started June 10 on a 9.3 mile stretch of four lane U.S. Highway 54, which joins an existing four lane highway two miles east of Garden Plain and continues west to the Sedgwick-Kingman County line. To be completed in 145 working days at cost of \$2,320,100. The new portion is located one-half mile north of present U.S. 54.

Friday, June 20, 1969**page**

- 4C. Report of death yesterday while vacationing in Las Vegas, Nevada, of Dee Robinson Lauck, 75, of 254 North Crestway, independent oil producer. A lifetime Wichitan. Drilled his first well in 1922 at the opening of the Seely field. Survived by widow, Amy, and a daughter, Mrs. John H. Knightley, Wichita. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum.

Thursday, June 26, 1969**page**

- 5A. Article about a display at Wichita Historical Museum on former Wichita streetcars, arranged by Museum Director David Lawrence. Details. Photo.
- 2E. Opening of the new Derby service station at 7990 East Central will be tomorrow. Drawing.

Saturday, June 28, 1969**page**

- 5A. King Mar, Chinese born owner and manager of the Pan-American Cafe, 150 North Market, will close his cafe and retire at 2:00 a.m. Monday. This will end 51 years of the cafe's operation, at the same location and 42 years of Mar's management. King Mar is now age 73 and lives at 350 North Topeka. His father came from California to Wichita in 1920, two years after the restaurant was founded, and Mar took charge in 1927. He had come to the United States in 1914 at age 19. Wife could not come to United States until 1956. Details. Photo.
- 15A. Ceremonies yesterday completed the changing of the name of the Lassen Motor Hotel to the Radisson-Wichita Hotel. Since mid-February \$250,000 has been spent on remodeling. Details. Photo of new Radisson Hotel marquee.

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- 32A. Photo of Eagle-Beacon building.
- 9B. Railroad history. Photo of early locomotive.
- 12B. Article about C. L. Davidson, former mayor. Born in Cuba, New York November 22, 1859. Came to Wichita October 22, 1872 with his father, S. L. Davidson. Was mayor in 1909. Was brother of J. O. Davidson, Wichita financier.
- 15B. Article about J. O. Davidson. Born in Cuba, New York March 4, 1850, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Davidson. Further biography.
- 15E. Article with history of Wichita's mass transportation.
- 10L. Photos of C. W. Bitting house at 715 North Lawrence.
- 13M. Photo of Holiday Inn Plaza under construction.
- 16M. Aerial photo of downtown -- exterior of Olive Garvey Building is essentially complete.

Thursday, July 3, 1969**page**

- 5A. Article about proposed brick and concrete pattern for Douglas Avenue in area of Century II. Details. Drawing.

Friday, July 4, 1969**page**

- 5A. The new swimming pool in McAdams Park opens today. Details.
- 9C. Report of death yesterday of Chester A. Foreman, 85, of 115 South Rutan, president of Hahner-Foreman-Harness Construction Company. Born in Pittsfield, Illinois. Survived by widow, Ruby, a son, Alanson, Wichita, and a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Fralick, Elmhurst, Illinois. Photo.

Saturday, July 5, 1969**page**

- 4A. Demolition of the old Park School in Valley Center began last week. The former Valley Center High School and grade school has been vacant since the opening of the new Valley Center High School last year. Details.
- 5A. Article about a portfolio of early Wichita prints which will be available to the public after July 10 at the Wichita Art Museum. Prints are by members of the Wichita Artists' Guild (named). Price is \$2.50. One is a pen and ink drawing by Anna Mae Bradshaw of an early Wichita horsecar.

Sunday, July 6, 1969**page**

- 1B. Feature article about the Transcontinental Air Transport transcontinental air-rail service through Wichita which was inaugurated on July 7, 1929. Details. Photos. Includes interview with Richard W. Robbins, 77, a Pratt, Kansas rancher, who was president of Trans World Airlines before the 1934 air mail contract cancellation.

Sunday, July 13, 1969**page**

- 1D. Article about new building developments at corner of Central and Rock Road. Details.

Wednesday, July 16, 1969**page**

1. Boeing's 747 Superjet made its first visit to Wichita yesterday. Details. Photo.
- 5A. Article about controversial medial strip on East Kellogg. Details.

Thursday, July 17, 1969**page**

1. Report of lift off yesterday of Apollo 11 moon landing rocket. Details.

Friday, July 18, 1969

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- 5A. Total operating revenue for Metropolitan Transit Authority in June was \$38,394.63, up more than \$3750 from June 1968, but expenses increased even more to \$47,770.36, up nearly \$7336 from June 1968. For the first six months of 1969 revenues increased about \$23,000 over 1968 to \$254,271.07, and expenses increased more than \$30,000 to \$292,655.72. Social security payments for second quarter added \$4,547.23 to expenses, making the net loss before depreciation \$13,922.96 for June 1969 and \$42,931.88 for the first six months of 1969. Metropolitan Transit Authority architect Jack Jones said work on the new transit center on South McLean Boulevard, is behind schedule because of weather, but should still meet the completion date in time for dedication on December 6.

Sunday, July 20, 1969**page**

- 5A. The old Valley Center High School is now being demolished (photo), having been replaced by the new high school opened last year. Article gives early history of Valley Center schools. In 1885 a \$4000 bond issue was made, with which a two story brick building was erected. The brick building was in use until 1903 when it was condemned as being unsafe, and a frame building costing \$8000 was built in its place. This frame building was destroyed by fire March 29, 1916 and the old brick high school building was then built.
- 1D. Morristown Shopping Center at Central and Rock Road is now under construction at total cost of over half a million dollars. Three buildings will be erected on the nine acre site. John Curtis is designer. First of the buildings, Carl Bell's East supermarket was started June 1 and is scheduled to open about November 1. Details.

Monday, July 21, 1969**page**

1. Report of moon landing yesterday. Details.

Sunday, July 27, 1969**page**

- 5B. Article about plans for franchising of Nu-Way Sandwich Shops. History of Nu-Way, which has been at 1416 West Douglas since husband of Haysville owner, Mrs. Helen McEvoy, opened it on July 4, 1930. Details. Photo.
- 1D. Grand opening for Rockborough apartment complex, 230 North Rock Road, is scheduled for Friday. Details.

Three Uniroyal Home and Auto Centers are now under construction in Wichita: at 1st and St. Francis, at 21st and Amidon, and on East Kellogg. Details. Drawing.

Tuesday, July 29, 1969**page**

- 5A. Construction of first phase of Park Plaza "A" urban renewal project is to start by October 1 on a 7.87 acre tract at Central and Nims, the first of eight tracts in the 45 acre Park Plaza site. Details.

Report of first day of sale yesterday of medals commemorating the Wichita centennial. Four thousand bronze and 1382 silver medals were distributed to the 14 local banks for public sale. The silver medals, numbered on their edges, sell for \$7.50 each and the bronze medals are \$3.00 each. A combination set is \$10.00. Details.

- 6B. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Mary Hollabaugh, 80, of 11 Lynwood, Eastborough. Born at Paradise, Missouri, and came to Wichita in 1927. Husband Zoe Hollabaugh, died in 1963. Survived by a son, Jack, Wichita, and a daughter, Mary Louise, Orange, Texas. Wichita Park Cemetery.

Wednesday, July 30, 1969

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- 5A. Photo of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building at 1st and Broadway being remodeled and enlarged. The project started in May 1968. Photo shows framework in place on corner building, ready for hanging of the new exterior facing of bronze colored glass and aluminum. Details.

Friday, August 1, 1969

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- 13A. On August 14 Braniff International Airways will begin daily non-stop flights to Hawaii from Dallas. Details.

Saturday, August 2, 1969

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- 20C. Feature article about progress on construction of Canal Route (I-35 West) expressway. A 3.1 mile stretch from Pawnee south to the Kansas Turnpike and I-235 interchange was opened in August 1968. A 2.6 mile portion from 21st Street north to the interchange of I-235 and K-254 will be opened some time next year, and is now about 75 percent complete. Many details. Photos.

Sunday, August 3, 1969

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- 3A. The new baggage claim facility, including two carousel-type units, built at cost of \$440,000, has been in operation since July 15 at Wichita Municipal Airport. Details. Photo.
- 13B. Article about wrecking of old buildings by Cornejo Trucking and Wrecking Company. Details. Photo of Civic Center North area from Broadview Hotel showing six or seven floors of framework of new Holiday Inn.

- 3D. A new four unit luxury townhouse has been started at the corner of Nims and River Boulevard, a two story brick veneer structure with mansard roof. Owner is Dr. Joseph A. Budette. Drawing.

Space that was formerly occupied by Hawk Pharmacy at 1059 Porter, is being remodeled with interior partitions for a music studio.

- 4F. Photos of construction under way on expansion of Wichita State University football stadium.

Monday, August 4, 1969

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1. Beech Aircraft Corporation machinists union went on strike today. Details.

Tuesday, August 5, 1969

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- 8A. Photo of construction under way on the "mini-park" just west of the Central Building. Completion due November 1.

Wednesday, August 6, 1969

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- 5A. City commission yesterday instructed City Manager Ralph Wulz to draw up a resolution expressing the city commission's intent to preserve the old City Building. Commission also voted to spend \$20,000 to replace the roof on the building. Details.
- 1B. Report of death Tuesday of Dr. H. Ernest Crow, 85, of 5322 East Orme, former head of the biology department and teacher for 45 years at Friends University. Born at Bourbon, Missouri. Received his Bachelor of Arts from Friends in 1909. Married the former Lena Whitaker. Received Bachelor of Science degree at Haverford College, Pennsylvania in 1910, and masters in zoology at University of Kansas in 1912, and Ph.D. in biology from University of Kansas in 1931. Had returned to Friends in 1918. Survived by widow and two sons, Dr. Ernest W., Wichita, and Dr. James F., Madison, Wisconsin. Photo. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Thursday, August 7, 1969

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1. The Coleman Company will build major manufacturing facilities on a newly acquired 163 acre tract of land at 37th North and Hydraulic, the Eagle learned yesterday. The land was purchased by a "trust" late last year from the College of Emporia for \$320,000. Details. A five million dollar expansion program on the North Plant is already under way and will add more than 180,000 square feet of space. The first phase, a 150 by 400 foot building to handle additional furnace assembly lines and equipment, was started in June and is scheduled for completion in October. The North Wichita plant is the major production

unit for the firm's special products division, which manufactures furnaces, air conditioners, gas grills, and gas yard lights.

Friday, August 8, 1969**page**

- 5A. A warranty deed on 7.87 acres of Park Plaza "A" land was given to River Park Inc. by the Urban Renewal Agency yesterday for a sale price of \$119,000. The company hopes to start construction of the first phase of its apartment development no later than November. Phase I will include 162 apartment units. Details. Map.
- 1B. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Leah King, 91, of 1645 Park Place. Born in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Moved to Wichita in 1910 from Buffalo, New York. Survived by husband, George E. King, two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Rohwer and Mrs. Evalyn Joachim, both of Wichita, and a brother, Charles W. Waterman, Lake Worth, Florida. Wichita Park Cemetery. (Was a patient.)

Sunday, August 10, 1969**page**

- 14A. Photo of pylon for B-47 memorial west of Municipal Airport nearing completion.
- 1D. Dedication of new facilities at McAdams Park, 1329 East 16th, is scheduled for Monday, August 18. Details. Photos.
- Article about new building for Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin, Architects, recently completed at 200 South Hillside. Firm was established in 1957. Details. Photos.
- Associated Advertising Agency Inc. will be in its new location at 4601 East Douglas, former American Savings Association building, after September 15 when remodeling is completed.

Tuesday, August 12, 1969**page**

- 5A. Photo of \$700,373 Lincoln Street Bridge under construction. Bridge will include a deflatable dam of neoprene synthetic rubber.

Thursday, August 14, 1969**page**

- 9A. Full page ad announcing that Vowel Furniture Company is quitting business after 49 years.

Saturday, August 16, 1969**page**

- 10A. The new Wichita YMCA North Branch building at 29th North and Hillside will be completed between September 15 and October 1.

Sunday, August 17, 1969**page**

- 4C. The new International Association of Machinists building at 3830 South Meridian will be dedicated today. Cost \$310,000. Details. Photo.
- 6C. The former Rounds and Porter Lumber Company building at 225 North Waco is now being demolished to make way for the new Cleveland Avenue Church of Christ. The Rounds and Porter building was constructed in 1925 and was used by the firm until 1947 when they moved to new quarters at 430 North Waco. Construction of the new church will begin late this fall. Architects are Carmichael-Wheatcroft and Associates. Details. Photo and drawing.

Monday, August 18, 1969**page**

- 4C. Article about the History of Aviation collection in the Humanities Research Center at University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Volume of historical material given to them by J. C. Eslinger, 9725 Von Thaden, a flight mechanic at Beech Aircraft Corporation.

Wednesday, August 20, 1969**page**

- 5A. Article about decision of City Commission to preserve the old City Building. Details.

Friday, August 22, 1969**page**

1. Article about plans to develop an extensive housing area around the new Crestview Country Club golf course. Details.

Saturday, August 23, 1969**page**

- 5C. Report of death yesterday in a Memphis, Tennessee nursing home, of William J. Patterson, 74, who was first manager of Wichita's Municipal Airport, from 1928 (former Travel Air Field, with later move to South Oliver airport) until 1951 when it was turned over to the Air Force. He then worked in the Park Department's shop until his retirement in 1960. Born in Bedford, Missouri. Moved to Memphis about two and one-half years ago. Survived by widow, Bea, a son, James, and a daughter, Mrs. Joanna Mustin, both of Memphis. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Clearwater Cemetery.

Sunday, August 24, 1969**page****Special section**

- 9C. The Central Building, at Main and Douglas, has been renamed Century Plaza. Exterior remodeling began last fall with addition of full-height white columns, which were completed this May. A bronze masonry coating over the building's old brick exterior was also completed in May. Installation of new bronze solar windows will take about three months. Details. Photo.

The 120 Building, at 120 South Market, has been sold to First General Real Estate and Resources Trust, New York City, for \$1,081,000. Details. Sellers were 120 Building Inc.

Article about the new Pizza Hut headquarters building. Construction is to start within next two weeks and will be completed in March. Cost is one million dollars. Located at 10225 East Kellogg. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer and Eflin. Details. Drawing.

- 10C. Article describing the new Queen Elizabeth 2 ocean liner. Details.
- 1F. Feature article about Ben F. Hammond, long time cartoonist for the Wichita Eagle, and donation of his collection of drawings to the Wichita Historical Museum. Details. Photo. Born in Clinton, Missouri in 1883. Retired November 1, 1965.
- 1G-12G. Special Section about expansion in progress on campuses of universities in Kansas. Details. Photos.

Thursday, August 28, 1969

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1. Announcement of plans for \$2.6 million "facelift" for Schweiter Building. Details. Drawing (remodeling not fully carried out as planned).
- 19A. Fourth Financial Corporation, a one bank holding company, has acquired about 90 percent of the outstanding stock of Fourth National Bank and Trust Company. Details.

Friday, August 29, 1969

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- 9A. The first of 100 new housing units at McConnell Air Force Base are nearing completion. Construction began in January 1969. Occupancy will begin in January 1970.

Sunday, August 31, 1969

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- 5B. Hugh Snell, former owner of Snell's Prescriptions, 2534 West 13th, has opened a new pharmacy, Hugh Snell's Prescriptions, at 13th and West, in the location formerly occupied by Jackson's Big Dipper Ice Cream Store.
- 1E. Article with details of remodeling planned for the Schweiter Building, which will be renamed Commerce Plaza.
- 2E. Article about remodeling under way at the Wichita Club, on 18th floor of Wichita Plaza Building. Details. Drawings.

Monday, September 1, 1969

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- 5A. Article about progress on construction of new 7000 foot parallel runway 1-19 and related taxiways at Wichita Municipal Airport. Concrete being poured and work may be finished by end of the year. Details.

Thursday, September 4, 1969**page**

- 5A. Approximately \$244,000 in federal funds which has been frozen more than a year will soon be released to the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority. Details.
- 1B. Photo of Garvey Center area shows Olive Garvey Building exterior now complete.

Saturday, September 6, 1969**page**

1. The second phase of St. Francis Hospital's three phase expansion program was started yesterday. The \$1.5 million second phase includes construction of a 20 bed medical intensive care area, a new nurses station with 35 beds, and a 4000 square foot special diagnostic and treatment area. All eighth floor facilities will be connected with addition of one floor to the north and central buildings, and addition of three stories to east end of north part of Emporia Avenue wing. Details.

Sunday, September 7, 1969**page**

- 1F. Report of death Friday of William Halb, 77, of Omaha, Nebraska, former Wichitan and former owner of Halb Ladies Tailoring. Born in Austria. Came here at age 16. Moved to Omaha about three years ago. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Mayor, Jr., Omaha, and Mrs. Vance Wigington, Topeka. Burial in Old Mission Cemetery.
- 1G. Montgomery Ward Company will open its new store at The Mall, 3833 East Harry, on November 6. Details. Grand opening for more than 30 other Mall tenants is expected to take place before March 30.
- 4G. A new dry cleaning plant and offices for Royal Cleaners will be built just north of their present facility at 927 North Main. Construction to begin this week and be completed by Christmas. To be 84 by 72 feet, one story. Architects are Richard D. Burke and Company. Details. Drawing.

Wednesday, September 10, 1969**page**

1. Aerial photo of nearly completed 31,000 seat Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University, which will be opened Saturday in game with Utah State. Details.

Thursday, September 11, 1969**page**

- 3B. Report of death Tuesday of Mrs. Gladys G. O'Bryant, 72, of 1486 Coolidge, wife of Wichita Beacon columnist Arch O'Bryant. Was a lifetime Wichita resident, the daughter

of the late Colonel Bruce Griffith. Graduated from University of Kansas in 1921. Returned to Wichita in 1925. Worked as bacteriologist at Wichita-Sedgwick County Health Department until retirement in 1961. Married Arch O'Bryant in May 1929. Their daughter, Joan, died in 1964. Survived by her widower and a brother, retired Major General Perry B. Griffith, Redlands, California. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Report of death yesterday of Denzel D. Soderberg, 58, of 211 South McComas, president of A. W. Soderberg Construction Company. A lifetime Wichitan. Graduated from East High School. Survived by his widow, Fern, a son, Wilton Duane, at home, three daughters (named) and his mother, Mrs. Anna F. Soderberg, Wichita. Photo. Burial in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Saturday, September 13, 1969

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- 5A. It will cost Wichita State University at least \$9000 for emergency repairs to the old Crestview Country Club facilities. Crestview gave up possession of the property September 3. Details.
- 6A. Photos of Wichita State University's Cessna stadium, which is to be opened today. Capacity 31,500.

Sunday, September 14, 1969

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1. Report of inauguration of Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium yesterday with crowd of 28,200. Wichita State University beat Utah State 17 to 7. Details. Photos.
- 5A. By next July all Wichita area phone numbers will have lost their letter prefixes, such as MUrray, TEmple, and WHitehall, and changed to all-number listings in the 1970 phone directory. Details.
- 7D. Photo of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company building 1st and Broadway with new building adjoining old one on south showing exterior completed, and scaffolding up on old building at corner, ready for start of installation of the new glass curtain wall. Project about 75 percent complete and to be finished in late 1970.

Interior of the new Crestview Country Club is nearing completion. Located at 1000 North 127th East. Architects are Schaefer, Schirmer, and Eflin. Details. Photos.

Tuesday, September 16, 1969

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- 6A. Report of first flight yesterday of Cessna's new Fanjet 500, which was also renamed the "Citation." Details. Photo. Pilot was Cessna test pilot Milt Sills. Co-pilot Jim Le Soeur.

Friday, September 19, 1969

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- 5A. Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved a "short-range development program" for improvement of the city's bus service. The plan will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to fulfill federal planning requirements. Acceptance is expected to release \$244,000 in federal funds to be added to a grant received earlier for purchase of new buses and construction of a bus garage. Proposals for implementation within the next year are extensions of four existing bus routes. Details. Other extensions and new routes are proposed but cannot be implemented until additional funds are available. Details.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday deferred for a month any action on a request from city taxi companies to raise cab fares. The present fare is 60 cents for the first mile and 25 cents for each additional mile. Details.

Sunday, September 21, 1969

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- 1C. Wrecking of the old Jefferson Hotel on East Douglas at Santa Fe Avenue started about a week ago. The turn of the century building was purchased about 1929 by George Christopher and was a part of the Christopher estate until about a year ago when it was sold to Allied Van Lines, 619 East William. In recent years it has been known as the home of Moody Connell's "Skidrow Beanery." After razing of building, the site will become a parking lot. Details.
- 1C. Article describing the new building technique of "slip-forming" being used for construction of the new Holiday Inn Central. Diagram shows dates of raising of various phases of the building.
- First Phase started 6/2/69 (First six floors of parking) -- after main mat placed 4/26/69.
 - Second Phase started 7/29/69 (approximately seventh to tenth floors).
 - Third Phase started 8/26/69 (11th to 17th floors).
 - Fourth Phase started 9/22/69 (18th to 24th floors).
 - Fifth Phase expected to start 10/6/69.
- Final height to be 27 stories, with total height of 278½ feet from bottom of the main foundation mat, or about 263 feet above street level. Scheduled for completion in early spring 1970. Details.

Construction will start this week on a 43 by 50 foot brick addition to the building at 301 North Market which houses the law firm of Blair, Matlack, Rogg, Foote and Lambdin. Completion scheduled for mid-February.

Monday, September 22, 1969

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- 5A. Photo of new Lincoln Street Bridge and collapsible dam under construction. Bridge part is mostly completed.

The last six of the Santa Fe's "little red cabooses" in Wichita have been sold. Last spring the Santa Fe finished a four million dollar remodeling project for 355 cabooses and announced that more than 100 were for sale. The last six were bought last week by Wilbur Palmer, 1243 Ida, who plans to ship them to southwest Missouri and rent them as cabins to vacationers. His property is in the Baxter Boat Dock area at Table Rock Lake. Details.

- 6B, 7B. Two page ad announcing opening tomorrow of new Dillon's supermarket at 13th and West Streets. Drawing.

Tuesday, September 23, 1969**page**

- 6A. Photo of progress in construction of mini-park west of Central Building (now Century Plaza Building). Walls and pools nearly completed. To be finished in November.

Friday, September 26, 1969**page**

1. Article about proposed merger of Southwest Grease and Oil Company with Kewanee Oil Company, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Details.

Sunday, September 28, 1969**page**

- 1F. The first phase of remodeling of the Radisson Hotel, 155 North Market, is nearly complete. Details. Photos.
- 4F. The new facilities for Thorobred Chevrolet Company at 8801 East Kellogg are nearing completion. Architects are Hissem and Mobley. Drawing.

Work has started on the Koscot Fashing Center shopping mall at 3202 West 13th. The building has been remodeled from a former bowling alley and will be open about November 1. Details.

Saturday, October 4, 1969**page**

- 1C. Report of death Thursday of Orlan E. Bonecutter, 66, of 1500 Homestead, of a heart attack while aboard a ship outside Lima, Peru. He was vice-president of Martin K. Eby Construction Company, and before joining Eby had been principal of North High School. Born in Broughton, Kansas. Survived by his widow, Helen and a daughter, Mrs. Ann Faerber, Mission, Kansas. Further biography. Photo. Burial in Pratt, Kansas Cemetery.

Sunday, October 5, 1969**page**

- 1C. Feature article on old Warkentin home and mill in Newton.

- 2C. Don Schmid Motors Inc., 3205 South Broadway, will begin construction Monday on a new sales and show room. Building to be 160 by 61 feet with display space for 16 automobiles. The firm is 35 years old and has been at its present location since 1938. New building to be completed about April 1.

Law Construction Company is remodeling a building at 313 South Market formerly occupied by Wheeler, Kelly and Hagny Investment Company and will occupy the quarters about November 15 when work is completed. Law Company is now in the Beacon Building.

- 4F. Ad offering the Bond Bakery Building at 823 East Central for sale. Photo.

Monday, October 6, 1969

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- 5A. Article about the Wichita Historical Museum's new book, "Wichita Century," which has been researched and written over a 22 month period. Publication date is to be November 10. A limited souvenir edition of 250 copies will be sold at \$50 a copy. The regular edition will sell for ten dollars. Details.

Tuesday, October 7, 1969

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- 4C. Report of death yesterday of Mrs. Cora Shirk, 88, of 256 North Topeka. Born in Waterford, Illinois. Her husband, Oscar, former owner and manager of the Shirkmere Apartments, died in 1960. Survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. H. D. Gossard, Wichita. Entombment at Old Mission Mausoleum.

Thursday, October 9, 1969

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- 5A. The new Fox Theater at 135 North Water, in the Garvey Center, is scheduled to open October 22. The Wichita Theater's equipment was moved out in July. The Miller continues to operate, but the lease agreement provides that it can be required to vacate any time on 90 days' notice. Details.

Saturday, October 11, 1969

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- 5A. The Public Building Commission yesterday deeded over to Wichita State University a 1.61 acre site containing the former Crestview Country Club clubhouse. Details.

Tuesday, October 14, 1969

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- 3B. Photo of new Friends University library under construction. Exterior work is virtually complete. Framework is up on the Garvey Gymnasium, adjacent to the West Branch YMCA.

Saturday, October 18, 1969**page**

- 6A. Metropolitan Transit Authority report yesterday showed 1969 revenues through September 30 of \$378,000.23 up \$26,643.50 over the same period in 1968. Operating expenses were \$439,690.80, up about \$40,000 over the same period in 1968. Details.

Sunday, October 19, 1969**page**

- 1D. Article about renovation of the 50 year old house at 1145 Carlos, which had been cut up into apartments many years ago. The house was bought by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Franks (her name Maxine) on July 28 and has already been renovated. He is staff manager for Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, and they have four children. Details. Photos.

A 7200 square foot addition to the building occupied by Aircraft Instruments and Development Inc., 317 East Lewis, will be completed about November 1. It is a two story structure.

- 1E. List of population figures for 1969 of all Kansas counties and cities, as reported by county assessors and certified by state department of Agriculture. Includes:
Wichita -- 282,989
Sedgwick County -- 354,223
- 1F. New 930 seat Fox Theater in Garvey Center will open at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 22. Details. Photos (exterior and interior).

Monday, October 20, 1969**page**

- 6A. Photo of Neff Hall North under construction at Wichita State University, with exterior completed. Target date for completion is middle of December. Cost \$1.4 million. To house College of Business Administration and Department of Psychology.
- 8C. Report of death Saturday of Harris Montgomery Landrum, 70, of 917 North Yale, past owner of Landrum's Market at 3109 East Douglas. Born in Chicota, Texas. Moved to Wichita in 1931 from Ponca City, Oklahoma and started his grocery. Retired in 1965. Survived by widow, Lena, a son, Robert, Denver, Colorado, a brother, John G., Wichita, and two sisters (named -- not in Wichita). Photo. Burial in Wichita Park Cemetery.

Thursday, October 23, 1969**page**

- 5A. Report of grand opening of new Fox Theater last evening. Details.

Friday, October 24, 1969**page**

- 5A. Article about plans for nine story, 118 unit, \$2.5 million apartment building to be built on 2.35 acre site just south of College Hill Medical Towers. Drawing. (Was never built).

Saturday, October 25, 1969**page**

- 1C. Report of death Friday of a heart attack, of Norman H. Bekemeyer, 50, of 6919 East Bayley, president of Bekemeyer Construction Company Inc. and Bekemeyer Inc., Realtors. Born in Lynn (sic), Kansas. In construction business since 1947. Survived by widow, Dorothy, a daughter, Lucinda, at home, his mother, Mrs. Ida Bekemeyer, Lynn, Kansas, and brother Lester, Washington, Kansas. Photo. Burial at Lynn, Kansas Cemetery.

Sunday, October 26, 1969**page**

- 1B. Feature articles about plans for Wichita's new zoo. Ground breaking ceremonies to be held Wednesday. Details.

Tuesday, October 28, 1969**page**

- 6B. Report of death of Robert Newton Garst, 78, of 303 South Fountain yesterday. He was former president of Garst-Temple Supply Company Inc., 1145 North Main. Was a lifetime Wichitan and at one time was owner of Wichita Laundry, 225 West Murdock. Retired from Garst-Temple in 1960. Was graduate of Fairmount College. Survived by widow, Mary, two daughters, Mrs. Richard Mayer, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Mrs. Frederic Shelton, Jr., Wichita, one brother and two sisters (named -- none in Wichita). Entombment in Old Mission Mausoleum.

Sunday, November 2, 1969**page**

- 9F. Lawrence Photo Supply moved last week into its new building at 1111 East 1st. Architect was Glenn E. Benedick. Details. Photos.
- 11F. Article about the old Sternberg house at 1065 North Waco, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Adams and becoming somewhat dilapidated. Details. Drawing and photos.

Monday, November 3, 1969**page**

1. Report of disappearance of Jack D. Hazelwood, 32, of 1928 Dallas, owner of Wichita Coin and Stamp Company. Details.

Thursday, November 6, 1969**page**

- 17A. Full page ad announcing grand opening today of new Montgomery Ward store in The Mall Shopping Center.

Saturday, November 8, 1969**page**

1. Report of death yesterday of early Wichita dentist, Dr. Alfred Hatfield, 98, of 1701 South West, who came here in a covered wagon with his family in 1878. Born in Lincoln, Illinois. Third wife died last February. Survived by a son, Dr. Reed Hatfield, 14 Drury, Eastborough. Further biography. Photo. Entombment at Old Mission Mausoleum.

Sunday, November 9, 1969**page**

- 1H. Building permit issued last week to the Presbyterian Foundation of the Synod of Kansas for a new care home at 4700 West 37th North. Completion scheduled in mid-July. Details.

Saturday, November 15, 1969**page**

1. The 1970 Kansas license tags will have a green background with white letters and numbers. Slogan "Midway USA" is at bottom. Details. Photo.

Sunday, November 16, 1969**page**

- 1F. Associated Advertising Agency, Inc. has moved into its new quarters at 4601 East Douglas, formerly occupied by Commercial Savings and Loan Association. Details. Photos.
- 8F. The Wichita Surgical Group P.A. will soon build a new building at 905 North Emporia, 87 by 52 feet. Architects are W. I. Fisher and Company. Details. Drawing.

A new building for Central Porsche-Audi is being built at 1501 East 1st. Completion expected about January 15. Details.

Tuesday, November 18, 1969**page**

1. The old water tank on top of Macy's department store (1948 building??) is being demolished. It has not been in use and the wooden barrel part is drying and threatening to fall. The tower is about 40 feet high and 26 feet in diameter -- held up with stilts. Photos.

Friday, November 21, 1969**page**

- 5A. The new Metropolitan Transit Authority Transit Center building on McLean Boulevard near Harry is nearing completion, and it is hoped to dedicate it before Christmas. Photo.

Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday approved an increase in taxi fares from 60 cents to 75 cents for the first mile (i.e., 55 cents for first one-third mile and 10 cents for each additional one-third mile), and from 25 cents to 30 cents for each additional mile (i.e., 10 cents for each one-third mile). Effective January 1, 1970. Details. Other matters discussed at Metropolitan Transit Authority meeting.

Saturday, November 22, 1969**page**

- 5A. Interior photo of a 33 passenger GMC light transit bus which was displayed to Wichita's Metropolitan Transit Authority yesterday. Seat upholstery is a gaudy floral pattern. Metropolitan Transit Authority director, Paul McGinnis, sitting in the bus.
- 7A. Photo of Yingling Chevrolet Company's new \$750,000 building at English and Topeka.

Sunday, November 23, 1969**page**

- 1B. Feature article about Air Midwest, with fleet of nine aircraft serving 14 cities. Present fleet includes three Cessna 206s, five Cessna 402 "Utilitwins," and one Beechcraft 99, with a second order. Details.

Wednesday, November 26, 1969**page**

1. Santa Fe Railway yesterday announced that it will discontinue passenger trains 23 and 24, The Grand Canyon, effective January 5, 1970. Details.

Thursday, November 27, 1969**page**

1. Beech Aircraft Corporation yesterday delivered the last three of its famed Model 18, which has been in continuous production for 33 years. The three were delivered to Air Capital International, Augusta Municipal Airport, which will ferry them to new owners in Japan. They will be used for pilot training at the Aeronautics College, which is associated with the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau. Beech has delivered a total of 7088 of the Model 18s. Details.

Friday, November 28, 1969**page**

- 5A. Article details special Metropolitan Transit Authority holiday season bus schedules beginning Monday and continuing through December 31.

Saturday, November 29, 1969**page**

1. The name "Aeros" has been picked in a contest to name Wichita's new AAA baseball team. Details.

Sunday, November 30, 1969**page**

- 5A. Wichita's new "vest pocket" park west of the Century Plaza Building (former Central Building) was opened to the public yesterday. Has been under construction since May.
- 8A. Marcellus M. Murdock, 86, president and chairman of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, suffered a slight stroke in his office yesterday and was admitted to Wesley Medical Center.

Saturday, December 6, 1969**page**

1. Arthur W. Kincade resigned yesterday as chief executive officer of Fourth National Bank and Trust Company and will devote full time as board chairman of Fourth Financial Corporation, the parent holding company recently formed by the bank. He is now age 73. A. Dwight Button, 52, president of the bank since 1961, succeeds Kincade as board chairman of the bank. Jordan L. Haines, 42, succeeds Button as president of the bank. Details.

Sunday, December 7, 1969**page**

1. Night photo of Douglas Avenue in snowstorm.
- 1C. Feature article on "Wichita Century," the new pictorial history book about Wichita published by the Wichita Historical Museum Association in cooperation with the Junior League of Wichita. Details.
- 1G. The Sunflower Room, located on lower level of Macy's has been enlarged and remodeled. Details. Photos.
- 6G. Open house to be held Thursday to show the newly enlarged and remodeled quarters of Aircraft Instrument and Development, 317 East Lewis. Details. Photos.

Dr. Tihen's note: Note -- ad a few days ago mentioned the grand opening of Carl Bell East store, near Central and Rock Road.

Monday, December 8, 1969**page**

- 2B. Report of death of James N. Beckett, 71, of 1526 Woodrow, realtor with Claude Lambe Realty Company. Survived by widow, Rose, and a son, James E., Wichita. Entombment in Mission Chapel Mausoleum (son classmate of mine).

Wednesday, December 10, 1969**page**

- 9B. Full page ad for second week of grand opening of Carl Bell's East.

Thursday, December 11, 1969**page**

- 11A. Merle Yost Chrysler-Plymouth, 1226 East Douglas, has been sold to Robert H. Sanders and will be renamed Wild West Chrysler-Plymouth. Details.
- 2B. Report of death Tuesday of Mrs. Ina Belle Mueller, of 1505 Park Place. Survived by husband, Harrie S., and four daughters (named -- including Mrs. Jennie Byerley, Valley Center), and a brother, L. L. Wilson, Wichita. Parents were pioneer settlers in the Benton, Kansas area. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Sunday, December 14, 1969**page**

1. Article about proposal to operate electric streetcar from downtown to new zoo. Details. Map.
- 13B. Three story brick building at 214 North Broadway, former home of Wichita Business College is being razed by Champney Wrecking Company. The site will be used as a parking lot. The building is 40 years old.
- 15B. Thomas, Harris, Ash and Mason, architects, are enlarging a 20 year old building at 2nd and Waco, where their offices are located. Details. Drawing.

Tuesday, December 16, 1969**page**

1. Mayor Enoch announced yesterday that Wichita's sister city, Orleans, France, will present a life-sized statue of Joan of Arc to the city as a gift for the Centennial celebration. Details.

Wednesday, December 17, 1969**page**

- 5A. Wichita's B-47 memorial plane will be lifted today by two cranes to its permanent location on two 20 foot concrete pylons beside Highway 54 west of the city. Details.

Thursday, December 18, 1969**page**

1. Photo of B-47 being lifted to its permanent site on pylons adjacent to Highway 54 west of city. Work not completed yesterday because cranes bogged down in sand, but should be completed today. Details.

Friday, December 19, 1969**page**

1. Wesley Medical Center yesterday announced plans for a \$2.4 million fund campaign toward a \$9.5 million building program. The expansion and remodeling is the second and final phase of a \$17.5 million project started in 1968. Receipts from a revenue bond issue will provide \$12.5 million. The main feature of Phase II will be the first seven levels of

the East Tower building on Rutan. Plans are to start construction early next summer and completion in June 1972. Details. Phase I included the new Medical Pavilion, which opened for patient care in January. Drawings.

4C. Photo of B-47 mounted permanently on pylons along Highway 54 west of Wichita.

Thursday, December 25, 1969

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1. The 59th annual Sam Amidon Christmas dinner yesterday served about 600 persons at the Central YMCA. Details.

Sunday, December 28, 1969

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4F. A new car agency, Central Porsche-Audi, is to be built at 1st and Mathewson by Import Motors. Building to cost \$250,000, and is expected to be completed by February 15. E. H. Rowley is president and owner, and Mel Hambelton is general manager of the two corporations. Drawing.